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FROM AMCONSUL BOMBAY JAN 9, 1974 IS REPEATED TO YOU.

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SUBJ: AGITATION BY LIC EMPLOYEES

1. FOR NEARLY A MONTH NOW, 42,000 EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC
SECTOR LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION (LIC), HAVE BEEN AGITATING
FOR REVISION OF WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS. AGITATION HAS
TAKEN FORM SLOWDOWN AND HOLDING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING
WORKING HOURS. LIC OPERATION HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY
THE AGITATION, WHICH HAS SPREAD TO LIC OFFICES ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY.

2. LIC HEADQUARTERS IN BOMBAY DECLARED A PARTIAL LOCKOUT FOR
CLASS THREE AND FOUR EMPLOYEES IN DIVISIONAL OFFICES IN
MADRAS, BANGALORE, DELHI AND PATNA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9. A
PARTIAL LOCKOUT WAS EARLIER DECLARED IN DHARWAR DIVISION.

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CLASS THREE EMPLOYEES INCLUDE SUPERINTENDENTS, SECTION

HEADS, ASSISTANTS, RECORD CLERKS, HIGHER-GRADE ASSISTANTS, TYPISTS AND STENOGRAPHERS. CLASS FOUR EMPLOYEES INCLUDE LOWER CLERICAL, MESSENGERS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES.

3. ACCORDING TO AN LIC SOURCE, LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS WORTH OVER RS.200 MILLION IS KEPT PENDING BECAUSE OF THE AGITATION WHICH HAS CRIPPLED ALL OPERATIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL UNIONS AMONG THE EMPLOYEES WITH PRESENT AGITATION SPREARHEADED BY AITUC-ORIENTED ALL INDIA INSURANCE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. SIGNED BANE.
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